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NORTH VIETNAM

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ASSESSMENT OF STATUS OF BOMBED BRIDGES,
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1. This photo intelligence report is a study of the status of bombed bridges in North Vietnam and an assessment of repair work on these bridges or other compensative action taken by the North Vietnamese. A locator map (CIA/PID/IB-P-566/65) and an annotated photo of each bridge (CIA/PID/IB-P-567/65 thru P-587/65) are enclosed with this report.

2. An analysis of each bridge is as follows:

- A. Phuc Thiem Highway Bridge (CIA/PID/IB-P-567/65)
 - 1. Status: Destroyed
 - 2. Compensative Action: None apparent
- B. Khe Kien Highway Bridge (CIA/PID/IB-P-568/65)
 - 1. Status: Destroyed
 - 2. Compensative Action: Causeway with culvert
- C. Kim Cuong Highway Bridge West (CIA/PID/IB-P-569/65)
 - 1. Status: One span destroyed
 - 2. Compensative Action: Newly constructed ford
- D. Dong Hoi Highway Bridge (CIA/PID/IB-P-570/65)
 - 1. Status: Two spans destroyed, three spans severely damaged, one span moderately damaged.
 - 2. Compensative Action: Newly constructed ferry crossing
- E. Xom Phuong Highway Bridge (CIA/PID/IB-P-571/65)
 - 1. Status: Two bridges; west bridge - two spans destroyed, three spans dislocated; east bridge-four spans destroyed.
 - 2. Compensative Action: None
- F. My Duc Highway Bridge (CIA/PID/IB-P-572/65)
 - 1. Status: One span destroyed, one span dropped, approach damaged.
 - 2. Compensative Action: None apparent
- G. Thanh Yen Highway Bridge (CIA/PID/IB-P-573/65)
 - 1. Status: Damaged decking and truss members, one pier and two spans destroyed.
 - 2. Compensative Action: Reactivated ferry crossing
- H. Xom Gia Highway Bridge (CIA/PID/IB-P-574/65)
 - 1. Status: One span dropped
 - 2. Compensative Action: Newly constructed ferry crossing

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- I. Tho Son Highway Bridge (CIA/PID/IB-P-575/65)
1. Status: One span destroyed, two spans superficially damaged
 2. Compensative Action: Newly constructed ferry crossing
- J. Tam Da Railroad & Highway Bridge (CIA/PID/IB-P-576/65)
1. Status: Two spans destroyed, one span damaged, approaches damaged
 2. Compensative Action: Reactivated ferry crossing
- K. Ly Nhan Highway Bridge (CIA/PID/IB-P-577/65)
1. Status: Approach cratered, two spans destroyed, one span severely damaged, one span moderately damaged, one span superficially damaged, and one pier severely damaged.
 2. Compensative Action: Reactivated ferry crossing
- L. Phuong Can Highway Bridge (CIA/PID/IB-P-578/65)
1. Status: One span had been dropped. Dropped span has been replaced by temporary deck span for light traffic. Truss is under construction.
 2. Compensative Action: Reconstruction of Bridge underway, newly built ferry crossing near by.
- M. Qui Vinh Railroad Bridge (CIA/PID/IB-P-579/65)
1. Status: Bridge severely damaged, one span dropped, approaches cratered.
 2. Compensative Action: The traffic that had previously used this bridge is now using a small newly constructed ferry crossing near by. Bomb craters in approaches have been filled in.
- N. Thanh Hoa Bridge (CIA/PID/IB-P-580/65)
1. Status: Bombing had crimped one section of the bridge, destroyed three sections of the roadway, cut one member, and interdicted the east approach.
 2. Compensative Action: Pier supports have been installed under crimped section, the cut member has been patched, and the east approach has been improved. The rail portion of the bridge is being utilized as a road. This bridge is apparently able to support heavy truck traffic. There is a reactivated ferry crossing just south of the bridge.
- O. Dong Phong Thuong Railroad & Highway Bridge (CIA/PID/IB-P-581/65)
1. Status: Bombing had collapsed center section of the bridge and interdicted the north approach.

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2. Compensative Action: A temporary deck span in place of the collapsed section. The dropped truss apparently being used to support the temporary deck. The interdicted approach has been filled. This bridge is apparently capable of supporting heavy traffic. A newly constructed ferry crossing is located just east of the bridge.

P. Trai Hoi Railroad Bridge (CIA/PID/IB-P-582/65)

1. Status: One span destroyed, one span damaged, NW approach destroyed.
2. Compensative Action: No work has been done on bridge. There is a ferry crossing adjacent to the west, probably used for local traffic.

Q. San Dinh Highway Bridge (CIA/PID/IB-P-583/65)

1. Status: Bridge destroyed
2. Compensative Action: None

R. Dien Chau Railroad Bridge (CIA/PID/IB-P-584/65)

1. Status: Two spans destroyed, south approach interdicted.
2. Compensative Action: None

S. Xom Ca Trang Highway Bridge North (CIA/PID/IB-P-585/65)

1. Status: Destroyed
2. Compensative Action: Newly constructed ford

T. Xom Ca Trang Highway Bridge (CIA/PID/IB-P-585/65)

1. Status: One span destroyed
2. Compensative Action: Previous ford reactivated

U. Bai Duc Thon Railroad & Highway Bridge (CIA/PID/IB-P-586/65)

1. Status: Approaches destroyed, minor truss damage.
2. Compensative Action: None

V. Bai Duc Thon Highway Bridge (CIA/PID/IB-P-587/65)

1. Status: One span destroyed, severe damage to entire bridge.
2. Compensative Action: New ford west of the bridge. Mission [REDACTED] shows span under repair nearing completion.

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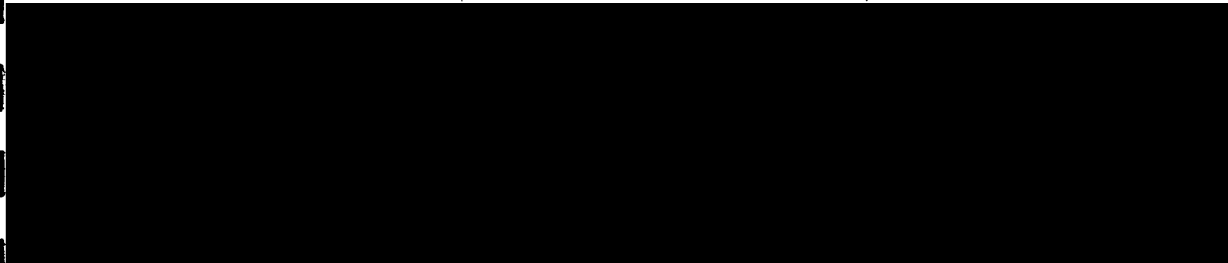
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Annotated locator map (Indochina terrain and transportation
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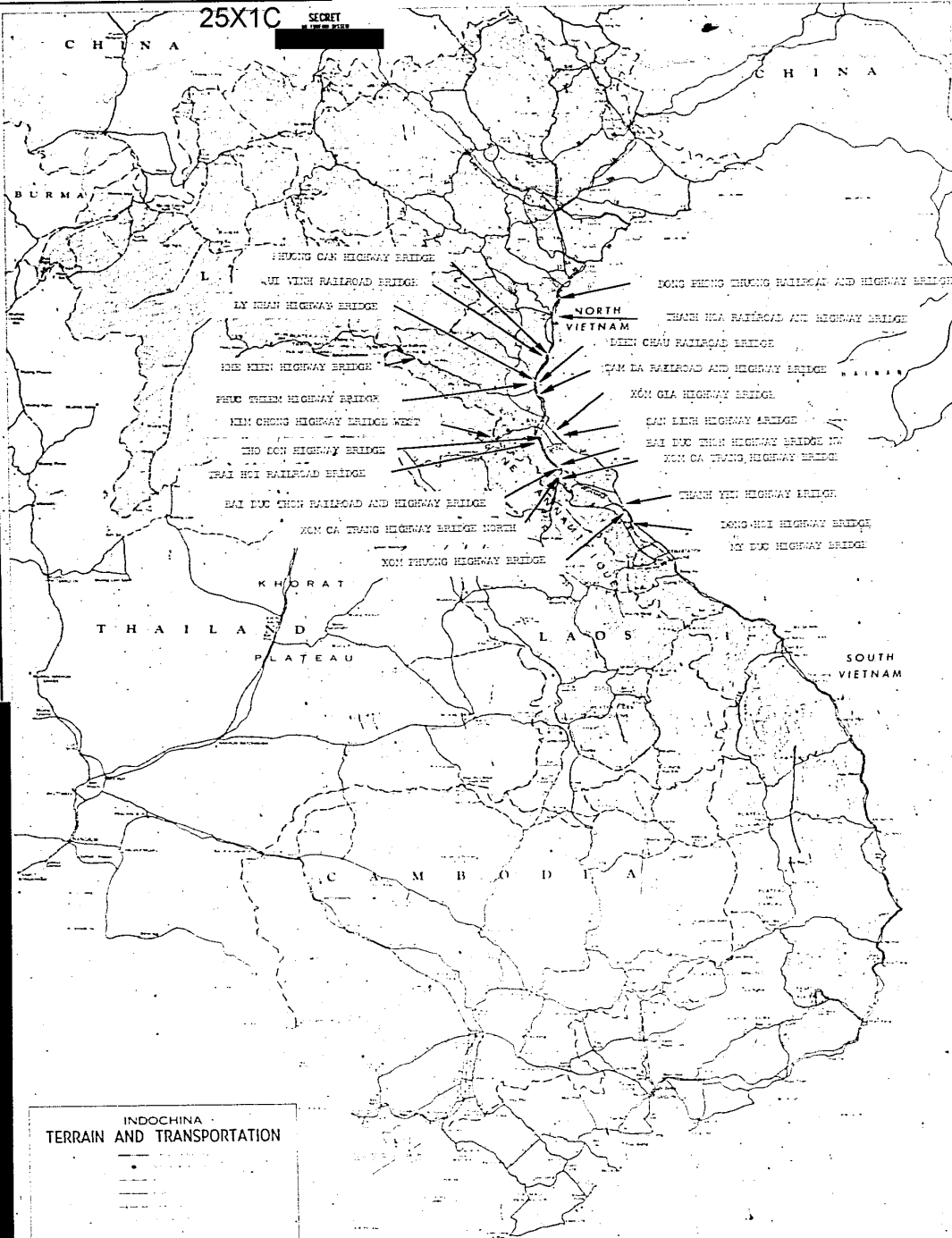
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KIM CUONG HIGHWAY BRIDGE WEST
182635N/1051430E

CIA/PID/IB-P-569/65

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FERRY CROSSING

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DONG HOI HIGHWAY BRIDGE
172725N/1063745E

CIA/PID/IB-P-570/65

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XOM PHUONG HIGHWAY BRIDGE
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CIA/PID/IB-P-571/65

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MY DUC HIGHWAY BRIDGE
171345N/1064210E

CIA/PID/IB-P-572/65

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THANH YEN HIGHWAY BRIDGE
173814N/1063124E

CIA/PID/IB-P-573/65

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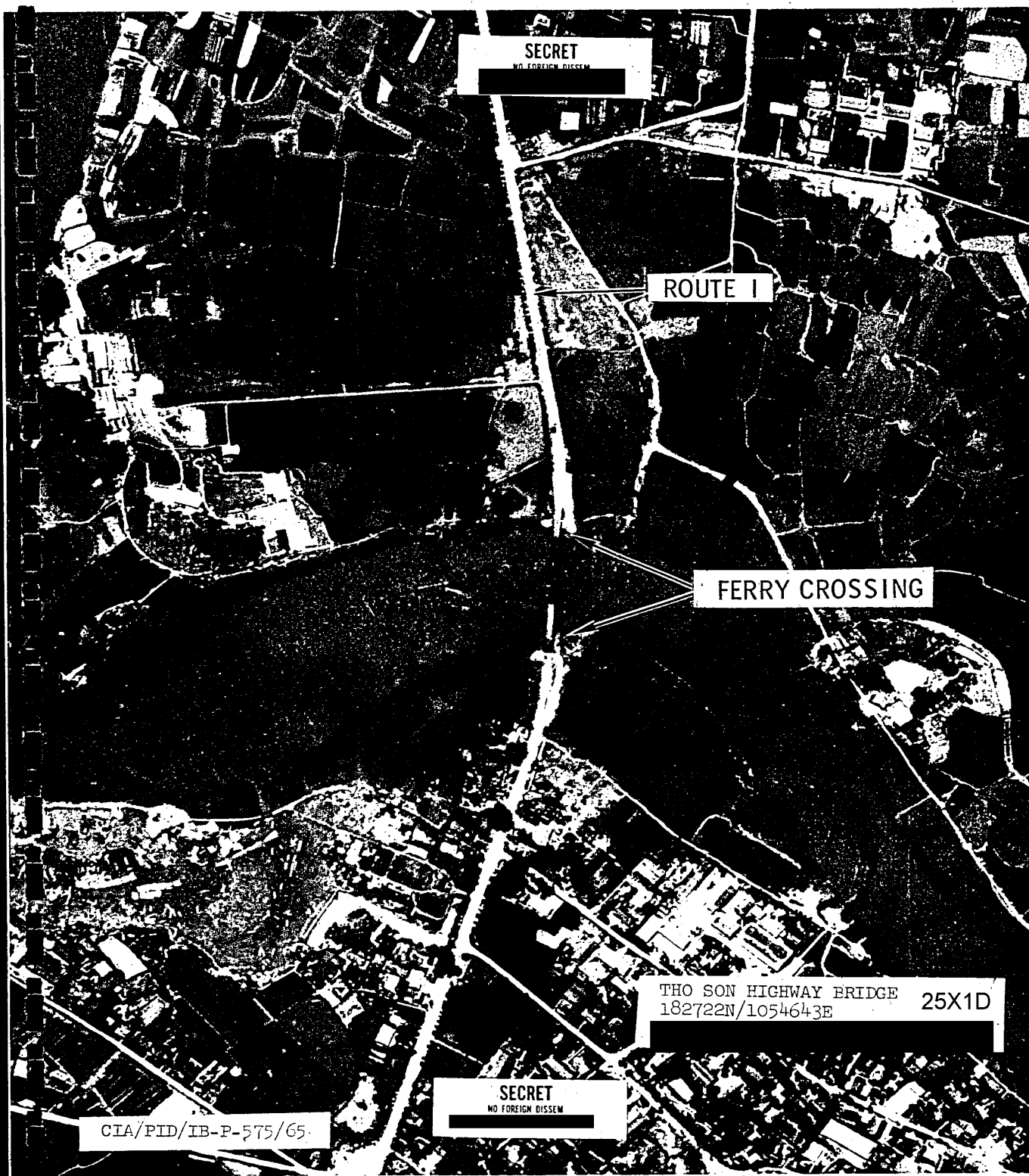
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THO SON HIGHWAY BRIDGE
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TAM DA RAILROAD & HIGHWAY BRIDGE
185654N/1053915E

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LY NHAN HIGHWAY BRIDGE
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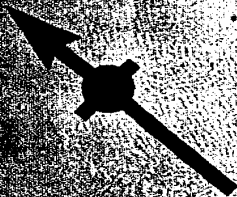
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QUI VINH RAILROAD BRIDGE
191545N/1054130E

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IMPROVED APPROACH

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RAILROAD PORTION OF BRIDGE
REPAIRED AND BEING UTILIZED
AS HIGHWAY BRIDGE. THIS IS
MORE EVIDENT ON NATE VI.

ROUTE I

THANH HOA BRIDGE
195012N/1054756E

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TEMPORARY DECK SPAN IN PLACE
OF DESTROYED TRUSS SPAN. THE
DROPPED TRUSS SPAN USED TO
SUPPORT THE DECK.

FERRY CROSSING

DONG PHONG THUONG
RAILROAD AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE
195836N/1055054E 25X1D

CIA/PID/IB-P-581/65

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ABOUT 35km SOUTH
OF VINH

FERRY CROSSING

TRAI HOI RAILROAD BRIDGE
182137N/1053700E

CIA/PID/IB-P-582/65

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ROAD CONNECTING
WITH ROUTE 1

SAN DINH HIGHWAY BRIDGE
152403N/1054341E

CIA/PID/IB-P-588/65

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NEAR ROUTE 1

DIEN CHAU RAILROAD BRIDGE
185820N/1053455E

CIA/PID/IB-P-584/65

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BRIDGE NORTH

ROUTE 12

XOM CA TRANG HIGHWAY BRIDGE NORTH
XOM CA TRANG HIGHWAY BRIDGE
175715N/1054855E

CIA/PID/IB-P-585/65

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ROUTE 12

BAI DUC THON RAILROAD
AND HIGHWAY BRIDGE
180322N/1055012E

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SHOWS BRIDGE UNDER
REPAIR NEARING
COMPLETION.

ROUTE 12

FORD

BAI DUC THON HIGHWAY BRIDGE NW
180405N/1054930E

CIA/PID/IB-P-587/65

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